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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 9/7/07 UNDER  
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**Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

**[0001]** Independent claims 1, 20 and 39 have been amended to clarify that the analyzing element of at least one message sequence from the message-passing environment to extract information regarding at least one participant in the message passing environment entails at least comparing the message sequence to a reference message sequence. More specifically, the independent claims clarify that the reference message is a sequence that represents error-free operation in the message-passing environment.

**[0002]** This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.